

IN THE TITLE

Please change the title to:

--DATA PROCESSOR AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD FOR COMPRESSION  
ENCODING SOURCE DATA AND MULTIPLEXING METADATA--

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 2, lines 4-9, as follows:

-- Typically when communicating or storing data, a rate at which the data can be communicated or stored is limited. In the case of data storage this may be as a result of the physical properties of the recording medium. In the case of communication this is typically as a result of a limited ~~the~~ bandwidth available as a result of physical limitations or because the physically limited bandwidth must be shared. There is therefore a maximum data rate at which data can be communicated or stored.--

Please amend the paragraph appearing at page 10, lines 6-15, as follows:

-- Whilst the encoder of Figure 5 has been described by way of example with reference to Test Model 5, it may be used with any other rate control system for controlling the sizes/bit rates of the frames. Furthermore, although the example embodiments has been illustrated as [[n]] an arrangement in which the compressed video or audio signals are recorded on tape, as depicted in Figure 2, the present invention is not limited to this example. Embodiments of the invention can be arranged to record data representative of compressed signals on to a disc, in which an available rate at which information can be recorded is limited. Furthermore embodiments of the invention can relate to any communications systems or media in which a bandwidth for transmitting compressed signals is limited.--